

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: house				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 212 Decatur Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Allegany	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) apartments	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Carey S. Selby				
STREET AND NUMBER: c/o First Federal Bank				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 340-501				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION		
CONDITION	(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	
	(Check One)	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
<p>Located at 212 Decatur Street, the house stands on the westerly side of the street in the block formed by Fulton and Charles Streets on the northern side of Primrose Alley in Cumberland, Allegany County.</p> <p>The house is an Italinate style masonry structure, two stories high with a tower, with brick walls and a stone foundation. The building is assymetrical in form and consists primarily of two rectangular blocks with the gable ends facing Decatur Street (the block on the southerly side extends further east than the other) connected by a central shaft three stories high with a hip roof. There is a one story frame porch at the main entrance, an arched doorway with one door, in the base of the central shaft. The principal windows of the structure are large and rectangular in shape with double-hung wooden sashes with one-over-one lights. Each window is surrounded by a broad molding. The windows of the third floor of the tower are arched with casement windows with stationary pieces in the arch. The overhang of the roofs are decorated with brachets. The bricks of the exterior walls are covered by several coats of paint and appear to be laid in Common bond. (7 stretchers/1 header)</p> <p>The building appears to be structurally sound. The interior was cut into apartments in recent years.</p>		

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) mid 19th

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | lasophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 212 Decatur Street is representative of the domestic architecture of the Italinatate style of the mid-late nineteenth century in Cumberland, Allegany County. The notable features of the style that are apparent in the design of this house are: a square tower, assymetrically arranged block-like shapes forming the structure, smooth exterior walls with little decoration, and low pitch roofs.

Although the exact date of construction is not known, the stylistic features indicate that the house was probably erected in the mid nineteenth century. The property was purchased by Josiah H. Gordon in 1852 and retained by him until 1872 when it was sold to Alexander McDonald. McDonald retained the property until 1881. The house was probably built for either Gordon or McDonald.

Josiah H. Gordon, who was connected with the C & O Canal, had a house erected on Washington Street about 1867. The Washington Street house is now the headquarters of the Allegany County Historical Society and may have been the second Gordon house. In 1852, when Gordon purchased the Decatur Street property, Decatur Street was a middle-upper class residential street while the more fashionable Washington Street of a later period was still primarily open land.

From 1940 to 1961, the house was purchased by the Sacred Heart Hospital of the Sisters of Charity and was used, for at least part of the time, as a residence hall for student nurses.

(see chain of title on continuation sheet)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, MD.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 50' x 126'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Tri-County Council For Western Maryland, Inc.	11/1/74
STREET AND NUMBER:	
Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Cumberland	Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

Chain of Title

Book 340, p. 501 18 October 1961
grantor: the Sacred Heart Hospital of the Sisters of Charity, Inc.
grantee: Carey S. Selby and his wife Rose Marie
SW side of Decatur Street, NW side of Primrose Alley, and NE side of Cherry Alley.

Book 188, p. 18 27 June 1940
grantor: Edward F. Mullan, et ux.
grantee: The Allegany Hospital of the Sisters of Charity.

Book 121, p. 203 3 March 1917
grantor: Clarence Spitznas and his wife Bertie
grantee: Charles E. Mullan and his wife Norah A.

Book 108, p. 170 27 May 1911
grantor: Cephas H. Gloss and wife Mary B.
grantee: Clarence Spitznas

Book 97, p. 368 27 June 1905
grantor: Charles E. Metz and wife Maggie V.
grantee: Cephas H. Gloss

Book 85, p. 359 18 April 1899
grantor: Edward H. Welsch and wife Ellen S.
grantee: Charles E. Metz

Book 84, p. 447 1 December 1898
grantor: Maria Kephart et ux
grantee: Edward H. Welsch

Book 55, p. 581 10 August 1881
grantor: Alexander McDonald and wife Mary L.
grantee: George R. Kephart

Book 35, p. 255 27 January 1872
grantor: Josiah H. Gordon and wife Kate E.
grantee: Alexander McDonald

Book 10, p. 682 18 August 1853
grantor: Lemuel W. Gosswell
grantee: Josiah H. Gordon

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Washington D.C. 20243

AL-IV-A-007



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

212 - 214 Decatur Street Cumberland, Maryland

1. NAME OF PROPERTY:

Same

Address of property Street

City

County

State

Zip Code

Name of historic district in which property is located

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

See next page attached.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

Was used for over 20 years as a nurses home and school of nursing, the former Allegany Hospital now known as Sacred Heart Hospital.

Date of construction (if known) c 1800's

☒ Original site

☐ Moved

Date of alterations (if known)

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Americo T. Valdes M.D., P.A.

Name

965 Braddock Road

Street

City

Cumberland

State Md.

Zip Code 21502

Telephone Number (during day) Area Code 301-724-5515 or 777-7578

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature _____ Date _____

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☐ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60) and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

Signature _____ Date _____
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and is subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure

☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet.

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

2. Description:

This two story brick multi family apartment building being originally two single family dwellings and later approximately 1935 connected into one large structure to accomodate the nurses home and school of nursing for the Allegany Hospital located on the opposite side of the street. Eventually the hospital changed their name to Sacred Heart Hospital and the school of nursing closed approximately 1960.

The 212 building is an early Victorian Italianate style with a flat roof. Built approximately early 1800's. The 214 building described as an early Colonial Revival with high gable.

Alterations: None external, see floor plans for indoor renovation.

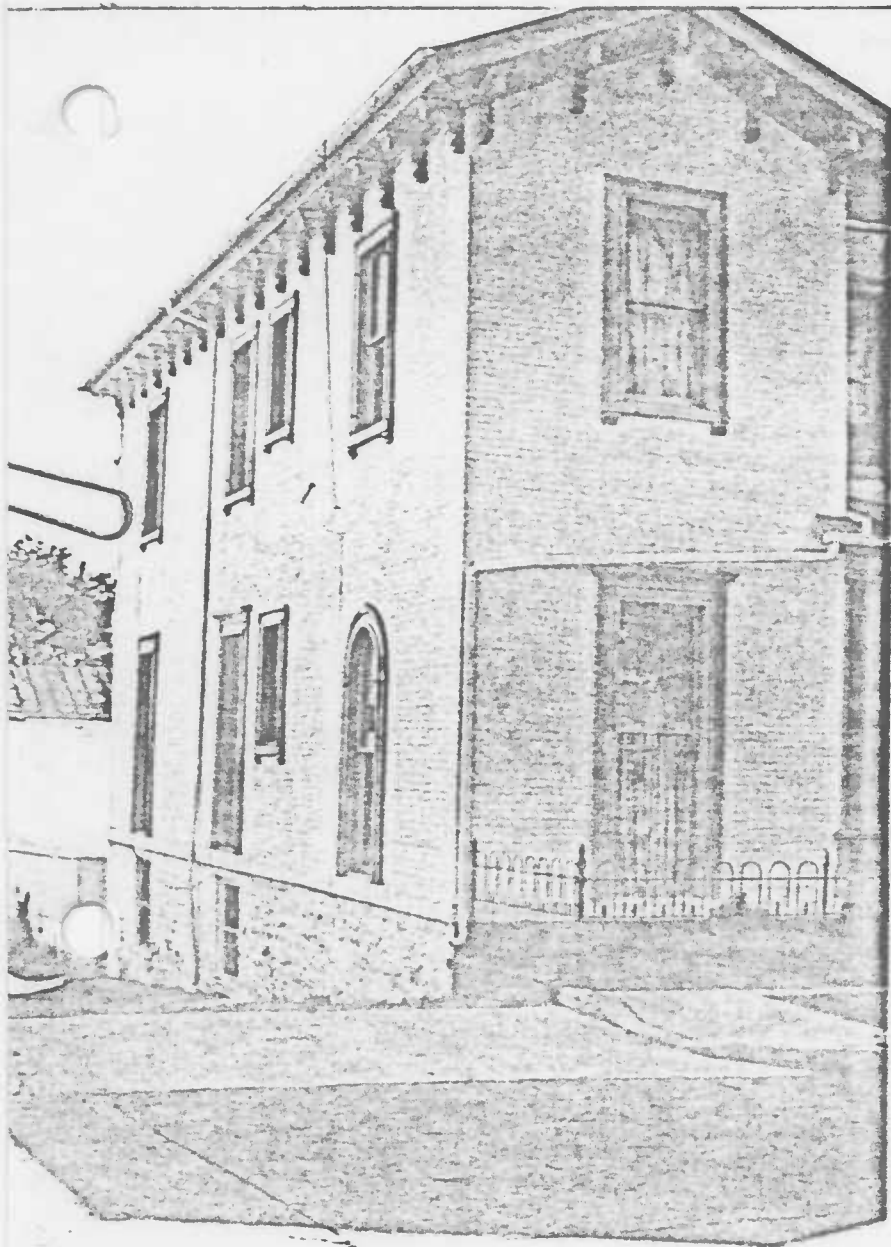
Improvements: This property is improved by a two story brick multi-family apartment building containing ten rental units - eight two bedroom, and two one bedroom apartments. This is older Victorian style structure being originally two single family dwellings. These were later combined and converted into a dormitory, or residence, for the student nurses connected with a Catholic Hospital on the opposite side of Decatur Street. The hospital was ultimately closed and the nurses home was then converted to its present multi-family use. Four of the apartments are located on the ground floor, five on the second floor, and there is one studio type on the third floor. Being two separate structures there are two main entrances. Each building has its own basement, there are concrete front entrance porches and enclosed type frame rear porch serving as a secondary fire exit. We owners proceeded with a rehabilitation project for the property to include separate gas fired hot water furnaces for each rental unit, renewal of deteriorated window sash: installation of grid type drop ceilings: panel or redrywall damaged walls where needed, replace kitchen and bath floor covering with vinyl tile: install electric smoke detectors: install wall switches for lights and exhaust fans in place of pull chains: install new kitchen base and wall cabinets where needed (2 apartments) carpet all apartments: install ranges and refrigerators in 8 apartments: install fire escape for third floor apartment which was non existant at the time of renovation. It was a large empty attic on the 214 side. Install door and window locks and window cords, extensive indoor electrical work. Included in the rehabilitation is exterior painting of entire building (interior and exterior walls). Repair of front porch and step and repair of the wrought iron rail fence enclosing the front court yard. Upon completion of this rehabilitation the building is in good physical condition. Complete new roof jobs replacing faulty existing roofing on both structures 212-214 were also done.



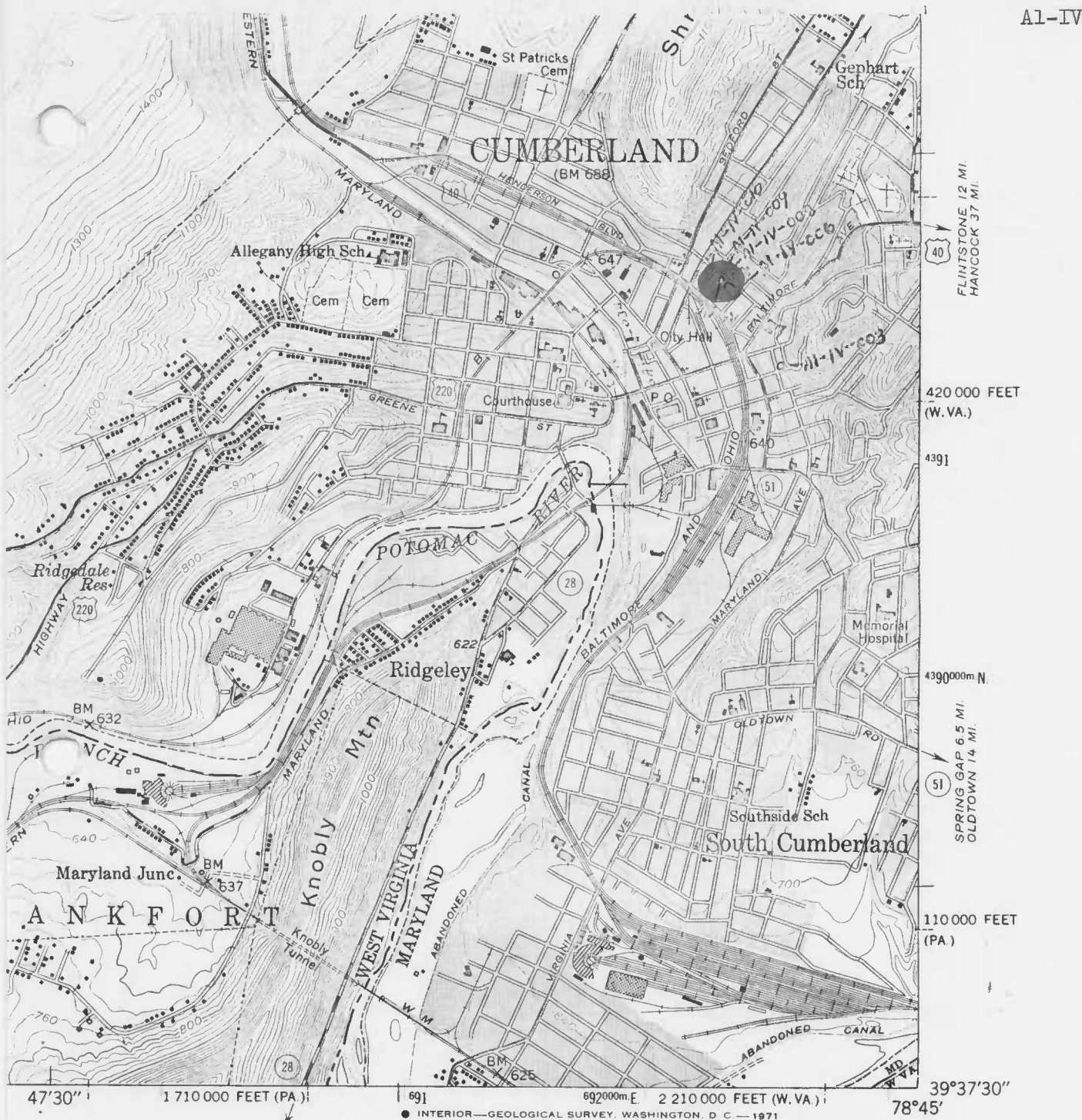
Photo #1. Front and side view of 212 building located on the SW side of Decatur Street.



Photo #2. 214 Building located SW side of Decatur Street.



Corner view of 212 building extending into Primrose Alley.



house
 212 Decatur Street
 Cumberland, Allegany County



House
212 Decatur Street
Cumberland
Allegheny County, Maryland
NE view
February, 1971

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house
212 Decatur Street
Cumberland
Allegheny County, Maryland
SE view
February, 1977

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